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Volunteers wanted for wetlands planting project at Woodlawn High

BATON ROUGE – A pollution prevention project at Woodlawn High School in Baton Rouge is in need of volunteers. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and LSU are asking that people interested in creating a wetland area at the high school be at the school between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. this Sunday, January 18, and on following Saturdays and Sundays until completion.

Several dozen three to five-inch diameter trees will be planted at the site, along with other types of vegetation.

The wetland site will help reduce downstream flooding and pollution transport. Currently, when it rains, the water runoff flows into a channel along the school's parking area and into a detention pond, before eventually entering the Amite River.

When the wetland is in place, this stormwater will enter the constructed area where the water flow will slow, water will stay in the area for a longer period of time, and the newly planted vegetation will serve as a natural filter.

People who are interested in volunteering are asked to contact Robert Lane at rlane@lsu.edu or at 225-247-3917. Volunteers are requested to furnish their own tools, such as shovels and rakes, if they have them.

This project was made possible by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency which provided grant support to DEQ. The department contracted with LSU researchers to design and build the wetland channel at the high school.